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INFORMATION NOTICE

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah has issued a record of decision (ROD) adopting the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and ROD prepared by the United States Forest Service (USFS) for oil and gas leasing on lands administered by the Fishlake National Forest.

With respect to the issuance and administration of oil and gas leases on National Forest System (NFS) lands, the BLM and the USFS have shared responsibilities. Pursuant to these shared responsibilities, the BLM is responsible for the offering for sale and the issuance of oil and gas leases on National Forest System lands, but it may only exercise this authority with the consent of, and subject to any surface protections required by, the USFS.

The issuance of the ROD adopting the USFS FEIS and ROD for the oil and gas leasing on lands administered by the Fishlake National Forest by BLM Utah does not authorize the issuance of any oil and gas leases nor does it authorize any oil and gas operations. However, by adopting the USFS FEIS and ROD, if in the future the USFS provides the BLM Utah with its consent, as well as the surface use restrictions required, to lease specific lands under the administration of the Fishlake National Forest, the BLM may now rely upon the analysis and determinations within the USFS FEIS and ROD to make a decision regarding the offering of those lands for oil and gas leasing. The BLM cannot offer lands under the administration of the Fishlake National Forest for oil and gas leasing without the USFS first providing its consent to lease in accordance with the procedures and requirements described in 36 CFR § 228.102(e).

An appeal period for the BLM ROD is currently being held. That appeal period has been extended until March 25, 2015. Instructions on filing an appeal are provided in the BLM ROD, which can be accessed online at: http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/energy/oil_and_gas/oil_and_gas_lease.html. Hard copies of the BLM ROD may also be obtained in person from the BLM-Utah State Office Public Room, which is located at 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. The FEIS and ROD prepared by the USFS for oil and gas leasing on lands administered by the Fishlake National Forest can be accessed online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/fishlake/landmanagement/projects>. Hard copies of the USFS FEIS and ROD may be obtained from the Fishlake National Forest Supervisor's Office located at 115 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.

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